

## WHEN A NEWSPAPER WAS PUBLISHED ON WALL PAPER

### Daily Citizen, of Vicksburg, Held Its Own When That City Was Surrounded By Gen. Grant's Army During War Between the States.

For over 300 miles the Mississippi river forms the boundary between the Mississippi State and Arkansas and Louisiana. Midway between New Orleans and Memphis, which is situated just over the northern boundary of the State, stands the town of Vicksburg, the scene of one of the bitterest struggles in the war between the North and the South, when, in the early summer of 1863, it was gallantly defended against the attacks of the Union army under the command of General Ulysses Simpson Grant.

A little town of some 5,000 inhabitants at that time, its strategic importance was soon realized by the Confederates, and early in 1861 the place was strongly fortified. Situated on high bluffs above the big brown river, from that side the place was practically impenetrable.

The issues dependent on the capture of Vicksburg were far-reaching, for by its position it controlled the navigation of the river, and held the key to the door of the cotton supply of the world, the locking up of which had such disastrous results, as we in Britain knew only too well.

By the autumn of 1862 Grant, whose headquarters were at Corinth, to the northwest of Vicksburg, had gained possession of the whole of the Mississippi to this point. Shortly before that the mouth of the river had been opened by the capture of New Orleans, and the beginning of the new year saw the Confederate flag floating in "splendid isolation" over Vicksburg.

Early in the spring of 1863, Grant, with his brilliant colleague and friend General Sherman, assisted by Admiral Porter in command of a small river fleet, made his first assault on Vicksburg from the opposite or western bank of the river, and was repulsed with heavy loss. Moving south, Grant and his army crossed the river to the Vicksburg side, and marching east, struck a fatal blow at Johnston's army, stationed at Jackson; then turning, he slowly but surely beat back the Confederate forces lying between him and the river; and by the 18th of May, General Pemberton and an army of 27,000 men were shut up in Vicksburg. The siege lasted until the 4th of July, when the "finest Confederate army of the West" surrendered, and the Mississippi was opened from end to end.

A series of pen-portraits of men who made history during this war are vividly sketched by Mr. Winston Churchill in his brilliant novel, "The Crisis, and the most vivid of them all is that of General Grant when in command of the Union army before Vicksburg. Here it was that his strategic abilities were so well demonstrated; and from this point it may be said that he came to his own, and won that recognition from headquarters which the people, with a clearer insight, had accorded to him long before.

The bombardment of Vicksburg was hot and incessant. Harassed though he was by disease among his men, Grant gave the enemy little rest. Often, though, did his friends recognize friends in the opposite camps; and sometimes, Mr. Churchill tells us, little parcels of food were exchanged by the besiegers for tobacco, which would be wrapped in a newspaper printed on the white side of wall paper.

These newspapers were called "wall-paper editions," and copies of them are to be seen in some of the museums and libraries in America. A copy of the last "wall-paper edition" of the Vicksburg Daily Citizen is in the possession of the writer, and is a very fascinating document. A single sheet, measuring some two feet in length, and of the width of ordinary wall-paper, the white side or back of it contains four columns of closely printed matter. Though a little yellow now with age, it is in good preservation otherwise, and the pattern of the wall-paper on the other side, done in white and gold, is still quite fresh in appearance. Judging from the design and quality of the paper, it had not originally been a cheap wall-paper.

Though the paper bears the ominous date 2d July, 1863—the beginning of the end—no trace of what a forlorn hope it must then have been is to be found in the reading matter. On the contrary, one gathers that all is going well with the Southern armies. News of a belated date was still dribbling in, a laudatory account of General Lee's successful campaign in Virginia being prominently set forth, and a short leader thereon. Jocular references are made to the strained resources of the commissariat department, and to the un-

timely end which had overtaken several tabbies in the town.

From the following paragraph it is evident that the rumors of Grant having boasted of his intention to dine in Vicksburg on 4th July had reached the Vicksburgians:

"On dit that the great Ulysses—the Yankee generalissimo surnamed Grant—has expressed his intention of dining in Vicksburg on Saturday next and celebrating the 4th of July by a grand dinner, and so forth. When asked if he would invite General Johnston to join he said, 'No, for fear there will be a row at the table.' Ulysses must get into the city before he dines in it. The way to cook a rabbit is 'first to catch the rabbit, etc.'"

The allusion to General Johnston (the same whom Grant put out of action at Jackson) has reference to the fact that though Johnston had hoped to come to the rescue of Vicksburg, General Pemberton had no wish to share the possible honor of defeating Grant; and the latter, knowing this, had solved the matter in his own way.

The newspaper, as I have said, is dated July 2. This was a Thursday. The last paragraph of all containing about a dozen lines, conveys to us more by what it leaves unsaid than by what it actually does say, a vivid picture of the march of events. It runs as follows:

"July 4, 1863. 'Note—Two days bring about great changes. The banner of the Union floats over Vicksburg. General Grant has 'caught the rabbit'; he has dined in Vicksburg, and he did bring his dinner with him. The Citizen lives to see it. For the last time it appears on wall paper. No more will it imagine the luxury of mule meat and fricasseed kitten—urge Southern warriors to such diet nevermore. This is the last wall-paper edition, and is, excepting this note, from the types as we found them. It will be valuable hereafter as a curiosity.'"

It was the fortune of war. The Daily Citizen had been caught red-handed; but to no one of the vanquished would the conquerors more readily accord the honors of war than to this Vicksburg editor who had shown such ingenuity and determination to run his paper amid such circumstances and against such odds as we fancy few editors would contemplate with equanimity.

With the fall of Vicksburg and the opening of the Mississippi came the turning point of the war, for it cut the Confederacy in two, and gave the north an advantage which it never afterwards lost.—Chambers Journal.

#### Mauldin Missed in Gilreath Case.

Greenville, Nov. 13.—Oscar K. Mauldin, who represented the prosecution in the case against Gilreath, Gosnell, et al., to-day sent a card to the local afternoon paper, in which he said:

"I was misled in the matter and I desire to state now that I do not believe there is the slightest evidence against Messrs. Gilreath, Gosnell and Phillips, and I believe they are as innocent of the offence of which they were arrested as I am." This statement came as sort of a climax and places further stigma upon the action of Rector.

#### SHOOTS HUSBAND TO DEATH.

Coast Line Conductor Victim of Tragedy in Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 13.—Donald C. Livingston, a conductor on the Tampa-Sarasota branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, was shot and killed at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon by his wife.

Mrs. Livingston stated that her husband came home under the influence of liquor and abused her all day. She says she sought safety in her room, where he forced the door and commenced beating her. She seized a pistol, she stated, which was in his hip pocket and shot him. She fired four times, all of the bullets taking effect in his breast. She was placed under arrest pending a preliminary hearing.

#### Dead from Puppy's Bite.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 14.—Bitten on the arm three weeks ago by a puppy, Mrs. Florence Dietz, a bride of three months, is dead here of hydrophobia. The bite was not thought to be of much consequence until the puppy was bitten by another dog and both canines died with symptoms of rabies. Five days ago Mrs. Dietz became seriously ill and death followed. The puppy that bit Mrs. Dietz was a wedding present from her husband.

#### ENGINEER SENSELESS IN CAB.

Fireman's Presence of Mind on Train Going 60 miles an Hour.

New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 16.—A fast train on the Pennsylvania railroad was a "runaway" for a few moments yesterday when on the way from New York to Philadelphia the engineer lay scalded and senseless in his cab from escaping steam. The presence of mind and pluck of the fireman, Joseph Garrett, averted a probable wreck of the train, running 60 miles an hour and crowded with passengers.

Beyond this city one of the driving shafts snapped and part of the rod was hurled through a boiler section. There was a rush of steam, and Engineer Frank Barber was enveloped and overcome before he could put his hand to the throttle. Garrett, with the train speeding madly on, climbed over to the engineer's side of the cab, and although nearly blinded, managed to get to the throttle. He stopped the train. Barber's condition is serious.

#### Fractured Neck, Cured in a Month.

New York, Nov. 15.—Harry B. Brown walked yesterday from the city hospital, Newark, N. J., to his home at No. 27 Halsey street. Four weeks ago he was taken from his home to the hospital in an ambulance with his neck broken at the second vertebra. Last night he declared he felt as if no mishap had ever befallen him, and the surgeons who discharged him said there was every reason to expect that he would keep on feeling so.

On October 19 Brown, who is sixteen years old, was playing ball in Washington place, near his home. He was running to a base, on the curb, when an automobile, driven by Frederick W. Robertson, of No. 28 North Eighth street, East Orange, came by and was knocked down. A front wheel passed over his neck and he was picked up unconscious. He was carried to his home to be removed to the hospital half an hour later.

At the hospital a radiograph showed what seemed to be a dislocation of the sixth vertebra. A set of braces was used to pull down at the waist and up at the shoulders, so that the fifth and seventh vertebrae might be kept from pressing on the injured sixth, and in that way keep the spinal cord from being chafed. These braces remained in place for some days, Brown lying in coma almost uninterruptedly.

A second examination was made toward the end of the boy's first week of confinement and the clearer view afforded by the action of the braces showed that the sixth vertebra had not been injured after all. This radiograph revealed, however, that the second vertebra had been crushed, and the treatment of the case was changed accordingly.

Attention was directed solely to hastening the healing of the bone, since it seemed sure that the spinal cord had not been affected. The response to the new treatment was immediate, and Brown began rapidly to gain strength. Two weeks ago it became evident that he would recover if no further mishap chanced, and a week ago it became only a question of days before the boy would be able to leave his bed.

Brown's recovery is considered remarkable, despite the fortunate circumstance that the spinal cord escaped laceration. This is accounted for by the fact that he was not struck violently, but that the wheel of the automobile passed slowly over his neck. Otherwise the spinal cord could hardly have escaped injury. The margin by which this was avoided was the tiny fraction of an inch by which the fractured vertebra stopped short of the cord.

Robertson was not held at the time of the accident. His responsibility has now, of course, been entirely dissipated.

#### Gaze of Crowd Was on Her Ankle.

St. Louis, Nov. 12.—With a solid gold bracelet snugly clasping her ankle, Miss Adeline Gritman attracted the attention of hundreds as she walked to the drug store here to-day.

The breeze was just of sufficient strength to place the skirts and lingerie in position to display ankle and bracelet and the combination proved irresistible. Miss Gritman seemed unconscious of the attention she had attracted.

"Yes," she assented later when asked about it, "it did create some-what of a sensation, but I cannot see why. Now in New York nobody thought anything of it and I wore a bracelet that way lots of times."

"One evening in New York about seven months ago I attended a little dinner party and wore my bracelet on my right ankle. It made a hit and a gentleman at the party told the girls—there were twenty-three of us present—that if we would wear them exclusively on the right ankle he would have twenty-three handsome bracelets made to our order. We accepted."

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The same policy and rules of our previous advertisements will be strictly adhered to during these thirty extended sales days. . . . .

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## John Comes To Town Once More

JOHN Well, wife, I'm going to see Rentz & Felder to-day. I'm through cane grinding, cotton picking, gathering corn, and the pigs are in the field and soon be ready for the knife. You know when Joe went to see his girl last week he put on my new suit because I forgot to get him one last trip. So now I will have to get two new suits again to-day, Joe says he's just got to have one of them, new style suits of Rentz & Felder's. And I don't want people to think I'm wearing Joe's suit.

WIFE Well, get Joe one of the stylish suits and one for yourself, for you are getting too proud to stay home. Reckon next you'll think you must go to the parties with Joe.

JOHN Oh, no! I want to match you up in looks. See! I haven't got any "Smile" hat or new shirt or tie, and you know I'm going to get a pair of those Tan Button Douglas Shoes if it runs the dogs all off the place. The boys and the girls look so nice, and you— you look like old times.

WIFE Oh, come, John. Hush so much foolishness, and while you are getting, get some heavy underwear, outtings, homespun, some of the heavy kind I saw at Rentz & Felder's. Get Tom a pair of of those high top heavy shoes. Get some overalls and heavy socks for winter. You know you must wear socks now every day. It's getting cold. Go to Rentz & Felder's and they will help you select what you need.

BILL Of course go to  
**RENTZ & FELDER**  
BAMBERG, S. C.

A County Fair at Denmark November 28, 29, and 30, 1912.

The County Fair Association will hold another county fair at Denmark and asks that all the farmers of the county to turn out, bringing with them the various products of the farm and home. We are making a special appeal to the demonstrators and co-operators of the U. S. Farmers Demonstration work to make a splendid showing at the fair with products directly from their demonstration plots.

Our object is to stimulate the farmers to a greater effort to grow larger crops and thereby bring about a greater prosperity and comfort to all concerned.

Our white friends of the county have always assisted us each year in securing money to meet our expenses, especially for premium purposes. We ask them to be as good to us this year as they have been in past years.

We shall have a brass band and other attractions, also a splendid game of ball each afternoon.  
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R. W. WROTON, Sec.

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Mrs. Lula Walden, of Gramlin, S. C., followed this advice. Read her letter: "I was so weak, when I first began to take Cardui, that it tired me to walk just a little. Now, I can do all the general housework, for a family of 9." Try Cardui for your troubles. It may be the very remedy you need.

#### MASTER'S SALE.

By virtues of the decree of the Court of Common Pleas in the case of Mrs. Ida Brown, et al, plaintiffs, against Monte Nix et al, defendants, I, H. C. Folk, Master for Bamberg County, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door, Bamberg, S. C., on December the 2nd, 1912, between the legal hours of sale, on the said day the following described tract of land, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Bamberg, State of South Carolina, containing two hundred acres (200) more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of Isaac Dyches, East by Melton Zorn's Hightower place, South by lands of H. J. Faust, and West by lands of Flem Weeks.

Purchaser to pay for papers.  
H. C. FOLK,  
Master for Bamberg County.  
MAYFIELD & FREE,  
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.



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